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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOONEY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 10, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ALEXANDER X. MOONEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

In You alone, O Lord, do we find peace. Throughout the history of the world, we have had tribulation upon tribulation. But in You we take heart, for in You the troubles of the world are overcome.

Receive the gratitude of our hearts for the peace negotiated in Ireland 25 years ago this day. In the time of the Troubles, where violence escalated daily, bombings destroyed neighborhoods, and conflict shattered families and communities, peace seemed impossible, stability in that war-torn region a hopeless dream.

In Your mercy, the faith and fortitude of those who carried both pain and purpose to the negotiating table prevailed. May this memory serve as a lasting blessing to Ireland and an encouraging testimony to our troubled world.

Bless Ireland, that this accord made with human intellect would be upheld by the peace You alone give, a peace no human mind can construct but by which we are each offered avenues for respect and dialogue, compromise and cooperation.

May we take heart in the hope You provide for us and strive to remain true to the peace You desire for our country and the world You created. In You alone, O Lord, do we find peace. In You we take heart, for in You the troubles of the world can be overcome.

In the hope You offer to us by Your holy name, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 6, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on April 6, 2023, at 1:25 p.m., said to contain a message from the President returning, without his approval, H.J. Res. 27.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk of the House.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF A RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-26)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval H.J. Res. 27, a resolution that would disapprove the revised definition of "Waters of the United States".

The 2023 revised definition of "Waters of the United States" carefully sets the bounds for which bodies of water are protected under the Clean Water Act. It provides clear rules of the road that will help advance infrastructure projects, economic investments, and agricultural activities—all while protecting water quality and public health.

The resolution would leave Americans without a clear definition of "Waters of the United States". The increased uncertainty caused by H.J. Res. 27 would threaten economic growth, including for agriculture, local economies, and downstream communities. Farmers would be left wondering whether artificially irrigated areas remain excluded or not. Construction crews would be left wondering whether their waterfilled gravel pits remain excluded or not. The resolution would also negatively affect tens of millions of United States households that depend on healthy wetlands and streams.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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Therefore, I am vetoing this resolution.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 6, 2023.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal, and the veto message and the joint resolution will be printed as a House document.

Without objection, further consideration of the veto message and the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 27, is postponed until the legislative day of April 18, 2023.

There was no objection.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 6913, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China:

Ms. WEXTON, Virginia
Ms. WILD, Pennsylvania
Ms. SALINAS, Oregon

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

APRIL 7, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER MCCARTHY: Pursuant to Section 4(b) of House Resolution 5, 118th Congress, I am writing to appoint the following members to the House Democracy Partnership:

The Hon. Dina Titus of Nevada, Ranking Member.

The Hon. Gwen Moore of Wisconsin.
The Hon. Ted Lieu of California.
The Hon. Norma Torres of California.
The Hon. Robin Kelly of Illinois.
The Hon. Terri Sewell of Alabama.
The Hon. Diana DeGette of Colorado.
The Hon. Barbara Lee of California.
The Hon. Ilhan Omar of Minnesota.
Thank you for your attention to these appointments.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

APRIL 7, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER MCCARTHY: Pursuant to Section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-196), I am pleased to appoint the fol-

lowing Members to serve as Commissioners to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission:

The Hon. Bonnie Watson Coleman of New Jersey.

The Hon. Dwight Evans of Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your attention to these recommendations.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

APRIL 7, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER MCCARTHY: Pursuant to section 4703(b) of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Act (20 U.S.C. 4703), I am pleased to appoint the following Member to the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

Rep. John B. Larson of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

APRIL 7, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER MCCARTHY: Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2081, I am pleased to reappoint the Honorable MARCY KAPTUR of Ohio to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of this appointment.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Democratic Leader.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Thereupon (at 2 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-694. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting Veto Message on H.J. Res. 27 (H. Doc. No. 118-26).

EC-695. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to Somalia, declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, is to continue in effect beyond

April 12, 2023, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 118-24); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-696. A letter from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to specified harmful foreign activities of the Government of the Russian Federation, that was declared in Executive Order 14024 of April 15, 2021, as amended, is to continue in effect beyond April 15, 2023, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 118-25); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. FOXX: Committee on Education and the Workforce. H.R. 734. A bill to amend the Education Amendments of 1972 to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of such Act in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth; with an amendment (Rept. 118-35). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BUCHSHON (for himself and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 2544. A bill to improve the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. CHU, and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 2545. A bill to designate certain Federal land in the State of California as wilderness; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASE (for himself and Mrs. KIM of California):

H.R. 2546. A bill to provide for the development and implementation of economic defense response teams; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. COLE (for himself and Mr. RUIZ):

H.R. 2547. A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to extend funding for special diabetes programs for Indians; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CRENSHAW (for himself and Ms. CRAIG):

H.R. 2548. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collect and disseminate information on concussion and traumatic brain injury among public safety officers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 2549. A bill to provide for congressional review of the imposition of duties and other trade measures by the executive branch, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. DEGETTE (for herself and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 2550. A bill to extend funding for Special Diabetes Programs for Type I diabetes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. MCHENRY):

H.R. 2551. A bill to amend the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 to designate a portion of United States Route 74 in North Carolina as a future interstate, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. BROWN, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. HORSFORD, and Mr. NEAL):

H.R. 2552. A bill to amend the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to preserve and protect the ability of State and local governments, public-private partnerships, and cooperatives to provide broadband services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FRY:

H.R. 2553. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize removal of an action or prosecution against a President, Vice President, former President, or former Vice President, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself and Mr. LAMALFA):

H.R. 2554. A bill to identify certain roads in the vicinity of Beale Air Force Base, Travis Air Force Base, and Sierra Army Depot, California, as defense access roads for purposes of the defense access roads project under title 10, United States Code; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GARBARINO (for himself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. ESHOO, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. MOLINARO, Mr. RYAN, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. MENG, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. TONKO, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. CHU, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. BROWNLEY, and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 2555. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the limitation on the deduction for certain taxes, including State and local property and income taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. HARSHBARGER:

H.R. 2556. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve and promote transparency, efficiency and operational integrity of the Internal Revenue Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana:

H.R. 2557. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) identification of staffing needs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio (for himself and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio):

H.R. 2558. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to include a public airport in use by an air reserve station as a primary airport; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania (for himself, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. STEFANIK, and Mrs. FLETCHER):

H.R. 2559. A bill to extend funding for community health centers and the National Health Service Corps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KEATING:

H.R. 2560. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 2561. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to produce a report that identifies and recommends a system of measuring aviation noise, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LYNCH (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. CHU, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. BEYER, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. CASE, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. DESAULNIER):

H.R. 2562. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to enter into appropriate arrangements with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to provide for a report on the health impacts of air traffic noise and pollution, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 2563. A bill to require the disclosure of beneficial ownership by a foreign person of aircraft registration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 2564. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to periodically report the number of individuals in the United States who are exposed to certain levels of aviation noise, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 2565. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to establish an advisory committee for communities impacted by aviation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. MCCLAIN:

H.R. 2566. A bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require an individual who applies for a motor vehicle driver's license in a new State to indicate whether the new State is to serve as the individual's residence for purposes of registering to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. MCGARVEY (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. KILMER, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TONKO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H.R. 2567. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act with re-

spect to expanding community eligibility, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MOONEY (for himself and Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas):

H.R. 2568. A bill to provide for improvements to National Flood Insurance Program rate maps, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Mr. VASQUEZ, and Mr. RUIZ):

H.R. 2569. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program of payments to teaching health centers that operate graduate medical education programs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PFLUGER (for himself and Mr. HUDSON):

H.R. 2570. A bill to require more accurate reporting of abortion drug prescribing and related adverse events, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 2571. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for certain expenses of moving manufacturing equipment from China to the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. ROSS (for herself and Mrs. FOUSHEE):

H.R. 2572. A bill to establish a Task Force on Women in Law Enforcement to study and develop national hiring standards for law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RYAN (for himself, Mrs. FLETCHER, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. DELUZZIO, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. TORRES of New York, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. MCCLELLAN, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. MENG, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. WEXTON, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MANNING, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. NICKEL, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. CARAVEO, Ms. PORTER, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. WILD, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. CRAIG, and Mr. COURTNEY):

H.R. 2573. A bill to express the Sense of Congress with respect to Federal preemption of State restrictions on dispensing medication abortion, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. WILD (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 2574. A bill to require the Secretary of Labor to revise the Standard Occupational Classification System to accurately count the number of emergency medical services practitioners in the United States; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Mr. KILMER, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. PETERS, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. POCAN, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Mr. EVANS):

H.J. Res. 54. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that the rights protected and extended by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. HIMES, and Mrs. HAYES):

H. Res. 284. A resolution commending and congratulating the University of Connecticut Men's Basketball Team for winning the 2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. D'ESPOSITO (for himself, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. DONALDS, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. MEUSER, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H. Res. 285. A resolution establishing a "Bill of Rights" to support United States law enforcement personnel nationwide in their work to protect our communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. TLAIB (for herself and Mrs. DINGELL):

H. Res. 286. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of April as National Arab American Heritage Month (NAAHM) and celebrating the heritage and culture of Arab Americans in the United States; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mrs. TORRES of California (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H. Res. 287. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BUCSHON:

H.R. 2544.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is: Health

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 2545.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3 and Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Environmental Protection

By Mr. CASE:

H.R. 2546.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Provides support to partner nations facing economic coercion.

By Mr. COLE:

H.R. 2547.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill reauthorizes and provides funding for the Special Diabetes Program of Indians for each of fiscal years 2024 through 2028.

By Mr. CRENSHAW:

H.R. 2548.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 3, of Section 8, Article I of the Constitution: To regulate Commerce with for-

eign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to collect and disseminate information on concussion and traumatic brain injury among public safety officers.

By Mr. DAVIDSON:

H.R. 2549.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

Trade

By Ms. DEGETTE:

H.R. 2550.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Extending funding for Type 1 Diabetes Research

By Mr. EDWARDS:

H.R. 2551.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

Designation of a portion of US-74 in North Carolina as a future interstate.

By Ms. ESHOO:

H.R. 2552.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to preserve and protect the ability of State and local governments, public-private partnerships, and cooperatives to provide broadband services.

By Mr. FRY:

H.R. 2553.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Judiciary

By Mr. GARAMENDI:

H.R. 2554.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 14 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To expand coverage of the Defense Access Road designation to include named roads in the vicinity of the Beale Air Force Base, Travis Air Force Base, and Sierra Army Depot, California.

By Mr. GARBARINO:

H.R. 2555.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would allow taxpayers to fully deduct their state and local taxes on their federal income returns by repealing the cap on the deduction for state and local taxes.

By Mrs. HARSHBARGER:

H.R. 2556.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Tax

By Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana:

H.R. 2557.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Pow-

ers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof."

The single subject of this legislation is:

This legislation will amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) identification of staffing needs by developing a workload staffing model and directing CBP to issue a report of recommendations.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio:

H.R. 2558.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Requires a public airport in use by an air reserve station to be considered a primary airport

By Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 2559.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

To extend funding for Community Health Centers and the National Health Service Corps

By Mr. KEATING:

H.R. 2560.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

The subject of this bill is the conservation of endangered Sea Turtles.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 2561.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, Clause XVIII

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill will require the Secretary of Transportation to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to produce a report that identifies and recommends a system of measuring aviation noise.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 2562.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, Clause XVIII

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill will direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to enter into appropriate arrangements with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to provide for a report on the health impacts of air traffic noise and pollution.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 2563.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, Clause XVIII

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill will require the disclosure of beneficial ownership by a foreign person of aircraft registration.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 2564.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, Clause XVIII

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill will require the Secretary of Transportation to periodically report the number of individuals in the United States who are exposed to certain levels of aviation noise.

By Mr. LYNCH:

H.R. 2565.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, Clause XVIII
The single subject of this legislation is:
This bill will direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to establish an advisory committee for communities impacted by aviation.

By Mrs. McCLAIN:

H.R. 2566.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:
Legislation deals specifically and solely with voter registration and the updating of voter roles across states.

By Mr. MCGARVEY:

H.R. 2567.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:
Education

By Mr. MOONEY:

H.R. 2568.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

The single subject of this legislation is:
Flood Insurance

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 2569.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: [The Congress shall have Power] To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes

The single subject of this legislation is:
The Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Program

By Mr. PFLUGER:

H.R. 2570.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:
This bill requires more accurate reporting of abortion drug prescribing and related adverse events, and for other purposes.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 2571.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution to "provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States."

The single subject of this legislation is:
This bill allows business taxpayers a tax credit, up to \$25 million in a taxable year, for the cost of eligible reshoring expenses.

By Ms. ROSS:

H.R. 2572.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 and Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18.

The single subject of this legislation is:
Hiring, retention, and promotion of women in law enforcement.

By Mr. RYAN:

H.R. 2573.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1

The single subject of this legislation is:
Health Care

By Ms. WILD:

H.R. 2574.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section VIII

The single subject of this legislation is:
Revising the Standard Occupational Classification System to accurately count the number of emergency medical services practitioners in the United States.

By Ms. JAYAPAL:

H.J. Res. 54.
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:
This bill proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing that the rights protected and extended by the Constitution are the rights of natural persons only.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 29: Mr. COLLINS.
H.R. 79: Mr. BURLISON.
H.R. 82: Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. CARAVEO, Ms. SCHOLTEN, and Mr. GUTHRIE.
H.R. 329: Ms. CROCKETT and Ms. MACE.
H.R. 336: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.
H.R. 431: Mr. WESTERMAN and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.
H.R. 435: Mr. HUDSON.
H.R. 506: Mr. SCHNEIDER.
H.R. 533: Mr. RASKIN.
H.R. 536: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.
H.R. 559: Ms. CARAVEO.
H.R. 584: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H.R. 594: Mr. SOTO, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H.R. 595: Mr. SOTO, Ms. CROCKETT, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H.R. 625: Ms. PETTERSEN.
H.R. 648: Mr. RYAN.
H.R. 683: Mr. SANTOS.
H.R. 700: Mr. TRONE, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. KILMER, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. POCAN.
H.R. 716: Ms. PORTER.
H.R. 767: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois and Mr. PAYNE.
H.R. 782: Mr. MFUME and Mr. NICKEL.
H.R. 805: Ms. CHU.
H.R. 811: Mr. RASKIN.
H.R. 866: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana and Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.

H.R. 901: Mr. ALLRED, Ms. SEWELL, and Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 932: Ms. TLAIB and Mr. MASSIE.

H.R. 997: Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 1011: Mr. CLOUD.

H.R. 1045: Mr. LALOTA.

H.R. 1057: Mrs. LUNA.

H.R. 1075: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 1088: Ms. CHU and Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 1092: Ms. PINGREE and Mr. YAKYM.

H.R. 1097: Ms. BARRAGÁN.

H.R. 1111: Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.

H.R. 1138: Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina.

H.R. 1235: Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 1238: Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. COHEN, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 1247: Ms. CHU.

H.R. 1271: Mr. COMER.

H.R. 1339: Mrs. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 1379: Mr. CASTEN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas.

H.R. 1388: Mr. CALVERT, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. LAWLER, and Ms. MACE.

H.R. 1437: Mr. COMER.

H.R. 1465: Mr. CARSON, Ms. CHU, Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. SOTO, Ms. STANSBURY, and Ms. WILD.

H.R. 1470: Mr. POSEY.

H.R. 1480: Ms. CARAVEO and Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 1488: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.

H.R. 1490: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 1503: Ms. LETLOW.

H.R. 1637: Mr. CARTER of Georgia and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ.

H.R. 1695: Mr. SMUCKER.

H.R. 1699: Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. CASE, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, and Ms. STEVENS.

H.R. 1707: Mr. GIMENEZ.

H.R. 1757: Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. GALLEGOS.

H.R. 1770: Mr. FEENSTRA.

H.R. 1788: Mr. BUCHANAN, Ms. CHU, and Ms. BARRAGÁN.

H.R. 1795: Mr. GROTHMAN.

H.R. 1800: Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 1818: Mr. MOLINARO.

H.R. 1823: Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 2370: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 2393: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 2411: Mr. BACON and Ms. CASTOR of Florida.

H.R. 2418: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 2422: Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 2428: Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. TITUS, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.

H.J. Res. 31: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas.

H.J. Res. 50: Mr. MEUSER and Mr. LUETKE-MEYER.

H. Con. Res. 26: Mr. OBERNOLTE.

H. Con. Res. 27: Mr. ALLRED.

H. Res. 110: Ms. SCHOLTEN.

H. Res. 243: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H. Res. 259: Ms. PINGREE, Mr. MULLIN, and Ms. STANSBURY.

H. Res. 272: Mr. KEATING.



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Senate

The Senate met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a Senator from the State of Illinois.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The Parliamentarian read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 10, 2023.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable TAMMY DUCKWORTH, a Senator from the State of Illinois, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,
President pro tempore.

Ms. DUCKWORTH thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY,
APRIL 13, 2023, AT 8:45 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 11:30 and 33 seconds a.m., adjourned until Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 8:45 a.m.

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RECOGNIZING MS. MARIA ELENA GRIJALVA

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Maria Elena Grijalva as she receives the Celeste Castillo Lee Patient Engagement Award from the National Kidney Foundation. Maria's advocacy began 36 years ago, when her own kidneys began to fail, and she found herself in need of a donor. Her brother, John Arriola, volunteered to become a donor without hesitation. While the average life expectancy for someone living with a kidney transplant is between 12 and 20 years, Maria has been going strong with her transplant for 36 years—a testament to Maria's resiliency that she has displayed throughout all aspects of her life. The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) is the largest organization dedicated to the awareness, prevention, and treatment of kidney disease in the United States. Each year, the NKF considers the efforts of advocates like Maria, and patients who work on behalf of others, recognizing the one advocate who best exemplifies the work of long-time advocate Celeste Castillo Lee. This year, Maria was selected as the recipient of the Celeste Castillo Lee Patient Engagement Award for her decades of dedication and commitment to advocating for patient-centered care and empowerment. Today, Maria and John work together to help others facing the same situation they faced over 30 years ago. Maria also devotes many of her efforts to educating Native Americans and farmworkers in the agricultural communities in California to raise awareness among high-risk populations about kidney health, disease, and prevention measures. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Maria Elena Grijalva as she receives the Celeste Castillo Lee Patient Engagement Award from the National Kidney Foundation.

CELEBRATING RENAISSANCE HIGH SCHOOL'S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to offer a heartfelt congratulations to the members of Detroit Renaissance High School's Chess Team on their first-place victory in the Under 800 category at the U.S. Chess Federation's K-12 National Championship.

For four grueling days, the team competed in high-stakes chess matches against teams from all across the country. Their victory is testament to long hours of practice and championship focus and determination. The team

employed critical thinking and mastery of strategy, besting more than sixty other teams. This victory is Renaissance High School's first chess national championship.

Please join me in recognizing the Renaissance High School Chess Team for this outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON HELICOPTER AND ROTOCRAFT NOISE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, on April 7th, I introduced a bill that would direct the Secretary of Transportation to submit a report to Congress containing recommendations on how to reduce helicopter noise in the District of Columbia. Recommendations would include altitude, number of flights, flight paths, time of day of flights, types of aircraft, operating procedures and pilot training. The Secretary would be required to consult with any federal agencies or departments that fly helicopters in D.C., the Metropolitan Police Department, any medical helicopter operators that routinely fly in D.C. and any other operator that routinely flies a helicopter in D.C. The report would be due to Congress no later than 180 days after the enactment of the bill.

Even though D.C. has the most restricted airspace in the country, I hear from D.C. residents almost daily about the negative impact of helicopter noise on their lives. The noise can harm health and quality of life, and helicopters can even harm the structural integrity of homes. While I recognize the need for helicopters in D.C., the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Congress must do more to mitigate the harm to D.C. residents.

In 2019, I led members of the National Capital Region (NCR) in requesting that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) study helicopter noise in the NCR. In 2021, GAO issued its report. GAO found that there had been nearly 90,000 helicopter flights in the NCR from 2017 to 2019. GAO recommended that the FAA develop a mechanism to exchange helicopter noise information with operators in the NCR. The FAA has indicated it is establishing such a mechanism. In February, I introduced the Reducing Helicopter Noise in the District of Columbia Act, which would require all helicopters in D.C. to fly at the maximum altitude permitted by the FAA in D.C., with limited exceptions.

I urge my colleagues to support both bills.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF CHARLES BAUER, JR.

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Charles Bauer, Jr., a resident of Halifax, Massachusetts, who turns 100 on April 21, 2023.

Mr. Bauer was born in Hanover, Massachusetts, in 1923 to parents Charles and Alice Bauer. In 1942, Mr. Bauer joined the war effort in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and diligently served our country as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Corps where he operated the ball turret gunner on B-24 planes. Mr. Bauer's commitment to protecting our country throughout his years of service did not go unnoticed; Mr. Bauer was awarded the Air Medal, Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon with three battle stars.

Mr. Bauer completed his military service in 1945, and married his wife, Mary, that same year. Together they had three children: Nancy, Linda, and Charles. Following the war, Mr. Bauer returned to Massachusetts and worked as a plant electrician supervisor at Goddard Memorial Hospital for 30 years until he retired in 1988. Mr. Bauer now enjoys working with ham radios and spending time with his friends and family, including his 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchild.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Mr. Charles Bauer, Jr., on this joyous occasion of his 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him many more years of health and happiness.

DESIGNATION OF DEFENSE ACCESS ROADS AROUND TRAVIS AND BEALE AIR FORCE BASES AND SIERRA ARMY DEPOT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I reintroduce legislation that would designate vital roads around Travis and Beale Air Force Bases and Sierra Army Depot in northern California, under the Defense Access Road Program. I thank my colleague Congressman DOUG LAMALFA (R-CA01), who represents the neighboring Congressional district, for being the bill's original cosponsor.

Military installations play important roles in communities around the country, but also pose unique challenges by increasing traffic and subjecting civilian roadways to harsh use from heavy military equipment. In California, Travis and Beale Air Force Bases and Sierra Army Depot were built with infrastructure to

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support the size of the communities and the bases at the time. Over the decades, both the civilian and military populations have outgrown the current roads providing base access to the gates.

The Defense Access Road Program exists to support communities in precisely this situation, enabling the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) and service branches to pay for maintenance, upkeep, or upgrades of roads surrounding military installations. This ensures communities hosting bases have the infrastructure needed to support national security and civilian use. Certain roads surrounding Travis and Beale Air Force Bases are currently designated under the Defense Access Road Program. My legislation would designate the remaining access roads for each base under the program. It is necessary for the DOD to provide for maintenance and repairs as DOD use of the access roads continues and increases, to reduce the financial burden on the State.

As the Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I continue to work on proactive investments to support national security while also ensuring that communities around our military bases have the support they need. I plan to make these Defense Access Road designations a major priority for the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2024.

Travis and Beale Air Force Bases and Sierra Army Depot and the surrounding areas must have the world-class infrastructure needed to carry out their mission. The legislation I reintroduce today would ensure just that.

HONORING THE NATIONAL ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WOODBRIDGE CHAPTER 1270 ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Woodbridge Chapter 1270 on its 50th anniversary. The Northern Virginia region is home to tens of thousands of federal employees and many retirees who have chosen to stay in the region. Throughout their careers, these dedicated civil servants have given their time and effort to serve their fellow Americans, and NARFE has consistently provided them with coordinated support.

Founded in 1921, NARFE is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the earned pay, retirement, and health care benefits of federal employees and retirees as well as their spouses and survivors. Woodbridge Chapter is one of more than 800 NARFE chapters nationwide, with members located in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Panama. In Virginia, there are a total of 298,000 Federal Employees and Retirees.

The Charter for the Woodbridge Chapter was issued April 10, 1973. Today, the Chapter membership is over 200 with another 250 national members residing in the Woodbridge jurisdiction. Chapter members have had a

strong voice in many national and local legislative issues affecting federal retirees, senior citizens, and the public at large. Currently, the chapter has several members participating at high levels within the Virginia Federation of NARFE and at Headquarters, including the First Vice President, Treasurer, the Chair for National Legislation, and an Area Vice President. The Woodbridge Chapter is often recognized for its leadership.

This chapter has supported Alzheimer's research for many years through various fundraising events, especially its Fashion Shows in years past. On October 26, 2012, Woodbridge Chapter 1270 was recognized in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD by Congressman GERRY CONNOLLY for raising \$16,552 for Alzheimer's disease research in 2011 alone. Over the years, the chapter has raised more than \$100,000 for Alzheimer's research and is consistently recognized by the NARFE National Office and the Virginia Federation for its efforts. Nationally, since 1983 the NARFE organization has raised more than \$15 million for Alzheimer's disease research. The chapter is also a strong supporter of Prince William County's Action in Community Through Service (ACTS) organization through annual food drives and individual contributions.

In the past the chapter has participated in the annual Dale City 4th of July parade and has offered paper shredding events for the community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Woodbridge Chapter 1270 for 50 years of dedicated service to Northern Virginia's federal employees.

Individuals in this organization are the lifeblood of our federal government, and I am grateful for their service and proud to represent so many of the outstanding individuals in this organization. I wish them the best for their anniversary and continued success in future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of North Texas Men's Basketball team for winning the 2023 National Invitational Tournament. Starting in 1916, the UNT Mean Green have a rich history. However, this year's accomplishment on the court is arguably the most exciting and meaningful.

On March 30, 2023, led by Coach Grant McCasland, the team completed their remarkable 31–7 season with the school's first ever NIT Tournament Championship. In doing so, the Mean Green successfully battled through five successive games, starting with dominating wins over Alcorn State and Sam Houston. They then advanced to the tournament semifinals with a chilling overtime win over Oklahoma State. The team then showed its grit to hold Wisconsin scoreless for over nine minutes in closing-out a final-four victory for the chance to redeem a Conference USA Tournament loss to the University of Alabama–Birmingham. They completed the run with a 68 to 61 NIT Championship game victory.

Led by NIT Most Outstanding Tournament Player Tylor Perry, Kai Huntsberry and Aaron Scott stepped-up to record double-digits as UAB unsuccessfully struggled to limit Perry on the court during the championship. Rubin Jones stepped-up with scoring and rebounds at critical points throughout the tournament, complimenting Moulaye Sissoko's domination of the backboard in each game and highlighted with his double-double in the victory over Wisconsin. A team accomplishment, the postseason opportunity and victory could not have happened without critical individual contributions throughout the season from Abou Ousmane, Jayden Martinez, Matthew Stone, Tyree Eady, Rasheed Browne, Christian Moore, Grayson Allo, Chris Morgan and Arsh Mattu.

The historic NIT Tournament Championship victory underscored the original strength of UNT's Conference USA schedule and set a new standard at a critical time for UNT's national profile. UNT became one of four C–USA teams setting national notice by either winning, or competing in at least the final four of the three major post-season college tournaments, as a final benchmark before moving up to join the American Athletic Conference this Fall.

The accomplishment is bittersweet, as it also marks the last game that Coach McCasland will be at the helm of the squad. UNT's President Dr. Neal Smatresk extended his sincerest thanks and best wishes to Coach McCasland and his family, recognizing that he "... has been a great mentor and leader for the student athletes on our men's basketball teams for six seasons, and he has taken our program to great successes including this national championship run in the NIT." However, a strong foundation has already been set for the next stage, with longtime Assistant Coach Ross Hodge announced as the team's new head coach, ensuring that opponents in the new AAC can expect no relief from the suffocating defense experienced throughout the season by UNT's challengers.

I join Dr. Smatresk, the returning team members, the UNT student body and Alumni in looking forward to the next exciting accomplishment to come. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the 2022–2023 North Texas Men's Basketball coaches and team for representing their school and community so well. Best wishes to the team's seniors as they graduate, and we look forward to another opportunity to celebrate the next exciting year and championship.

TRIBUTE TO LOIS A. O'KEEFE

HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Lois A. O'Keefe, a public servant, a trailblazer for working mothers, and one of my dearest friends. It saddens me to say that Lois passed peacefully in the early morning of Wednesday, December 21, 2022.

I had the pleasure of knowing Lois for close to 30 years before starting my legislative career in the Wisconsin State Assembly. Lois was involved in the Wisconsin political scene,

as a volunteer, activist, and fighter committed to giving a voice to the voiceless. Lois worked tirelessly for decades with dedication and passion, which still inspires me to this day.

As a Congressional Staffer, she served under two U.S. Senators, Senators William Proxmire, and Herb Kohl, and eventually served the American people in my office. She served nearly 10 years on my staff as a caseworker and then as District Director. Lois' contribution to the Milwaukee community as well as her legacy will continue to inspire future generations of public servants.

Lois' true passion was serving working-class Americans and underinvested youths. She served the labor movement as the Regional Representative of the Secretary of Labor for the Midwest Region in Chicago. During the Clinton Administration, she served under Secretaries Robert Reich and Alexis Herman to help provide better living conditions for Americans. Most importantly she served as a union organizer for the Service Employees Union representing workers who cared for the elderly. She ran a non-profit called REACH, a youth organization for underprivileged kids. She also worked with the Milwaukee Job Corps to start an internship program in my district office. Lois cared about the Americans that are often too forgotten about.

Lois lived the reality that so many women with careers juggling work and childcare issues face. She then returned to school with four children under the age of 14 and earned both a BA in Political Science and an MA in Industrial and Labor Relations. Lois understood the struggle of being a working-class mother and committed her life to helping others who faced similar struggles.

Mr. Speaker, for these reasons, I am honored to pay tribute to Lois O'Keefe. She has helped transform the lives of so many people, including my constituents. The people of the 4th Congressional District, the State of Wisconsin, and the United States thank her for her commitment to service.

SUSTAINABLE BUDGET ACT

HON. ED CASE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Mr. CASE. Mr. Speaker, can anyone with any halfway working knowledge of government finances seriously dispute that our federal fiscal house is dangerously out of order?

Our national debt is approaching \$32 trillion, doubling in just the last decade alone, and up some \$3 trillion in just the two years since I last introduced my Sustainable Budget Act in February 2021. More directly, our debt-to-gross domestic product (GDP), or the measure of our economy's ability to sustain national debt, now stands at 120 percent, doubling since 2000. The fastest-growing part of our federal budget continues to be interest payments on our debt, increasingly outpacing and crowding out critical defense and non-defense spending alike.

In a Congress where we often repeat the platitude that our budget reflects our values, it is disturbing that the main common value re-

flected is fiscal unsustainability ranging to irresponsibility. We need look no further than a mirror for the root cause: our collective inability to face the music of fiscal responsibility and sustainability.

We clearly need help with our collective inability to confront this reality. My Sustainable Budget Act, again co-introduced yesterday with Congressman STEVE WOMACK, is at least a start toward a solution. It would follow the models of Simpson-Bowles and other such independent, bipartisan commissions charged with focusing on our deficits and debt and recommending a sustainable path for an up-or-down vote by Congress.

Our bill is similar to other proposals, including the TRUST Act that I have reintroduced with Congressmen SCOTT PETERS and MIKE GALLAGHER to save our foundational entitlement programs from similar unsustainability. Together, they offer a far better way to tackle our debt crisis than denial, anger, avoidance, diversion and rhetoric. I urge their prompt consideration and passage.

HONORING THE VALOROUS SERVICE OF CW5 BENJAMIN ARPS

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor CW5 Benjamin S. Arps for his remarkable military service and valorous leadership in the War on Terror, and to congratulate him on a well-deserved retirement.

A native of Woodbine, Iowa, CW5 Arps enlisted in the Army in June 1997, marking the beginning of a singularly impressive career of service. After completing One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, he graduated as a 19D Cavalry Scout. His first assignment was with the 5th Squadron, 15th Cavalry Regiment, where he distinguished himself as a Bradley Fighting Vehicle gunner and instructor. In July 2001, he graduated from the Warrant Officer Flight Training Program at Fort Rucker and was assigned to Bravo Company, 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment at Aviano Airbase, Italy. While in Italy, he served as a UH60 Pilot in Command, Unit Trainer, Tactical Operations officer, and Operations Officers.

In January 2005, CW5 Arps answered the call to serve that few will answer. He successfully assessed for the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne), the most elite special operations night-operating aviation force in the world. Upon his graduation from Officer Green Platoon in February 2006, he was assigned to Delta Company, Task Force, 1st Battalion, 160th SOAR (ABN) at Fort Campbell. Through rigorous preparation, training, and testing, he achieved Fully Mission Qualified and Flight Lead status, and lead as the D Co. Safety Officer and the 1-160th SOAR (ABN) Safety Officer. From November 2014 to January 2017, CW5 Arps served as the 160th SOAR (ABN) Regiment Recruiting Director. Accepting the next challenge in his career, he was assigned to 2nd Battalion where he served as Regiment Flight Lead, ultimately rising to be the Battalion Senior Warrant Officer. He served as the senior warrant

officer for the second battalion for a number of years, multiple combat assignments, many of them classified, and all of them at great risk to his life.

Recognizing CW5 Arps' leadership, he was selected by the US Army Special Operations Command to become the 8th Regiment Command Chief Warrant Officer for the 160th SOAR (ABN). In that position, Command Chief Warrant Officer Arps led every warrant officer assigned to the 160th SOAR, the world's premiere special operations aviation regiment.

After indicating to the Command his intent to retire, CW5 Arps was asked to stay in service for another position. There, he stood up a brand-new office designed to assist special operations aviators transitioning to civilian service. Without hesitation, he said "yes" to becoming the first Officer in Charge for the 160th SOAR (ABN) EXFIL Transition Program.

His 26 year-career has been marked by uncommon valor, honor, and a dedication to excellence on and off the battlefield. He deployed thirty times in support of the Global War on Terror and in several other sensitive, often classified, overseas contingency operations. In all his service, he fulfilled the Night Stalker Creed's mission-focus: to safeguard the honor and prestige of the United States.

CW5 Arps's permanent awards and decorations are numerous and worth recounting: the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Air Medal (Numeral 8), Army Commendation Medal (2 OLC), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal (3 CS), Iraq Campaign Medal (4 CS), Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Overseas Ribbon (Numeral 2), NATO Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Army Meritorious Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, Air Force Meritorious Unit Award, Combat Action Badge, and Master Aviator Badge.

CW5 Arps' career exemplifies servant-leadership, a drive to learn, and a relentless pursuit of excellence that should be venerated and emulated by all Americans. No matter what was thrown at him, he always put the mission and his soldiers first. He led with great strength and quiet resolve, commanded high respect, and put his life on the line for his country, his wife of 24 years, and his two children.

We honor his excellence, dedication, fidelity, and courage. As Philippians 4:8 instructs us, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." It is for this reason that we commend and honor CW5 Arps today.

Few answer the call to serve their country, and fewer still serve with as much distinction and honor as CW5 Arps. His service will never be forgotten, and I am proud to represent him and his family in Congress. On behalf of the United States Congress, the American people, and as a fellow Night Stalker, I heartily thank CW5 Arps for his long and distinguished career in service to our great Nation, and I congratulate him on his retirement from military service. Night Stalkers Don't Quit.

VAISAKHI NATIONAL SIKH DAY

HON. MARY GAY SCANLON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Ms. SCANLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 324th anniversary of Khalsa Sirjana Divas (Vaisakhi) which falls on April 14, 2023. On this historic day in Spring of 1699 the sapling of Sikhism planted by Guru Nanak and nurtured by nine successor Gurus came to full blossom with the creation of the Khalsa (Saint-Soldier Sikhs) at a historic Vaisakhi Congregation in Anandpur Sahib, Punjab.

Sikhism was founded by Guru Nanak in the late 15th century in Punjab on the principles of equality, justice, and respect of all human beings. Sikhs started immigrating to the United States about 125 years ago. It is the world's fifth largest religion with around 30 million followers, including many in my district in Pennsylvania.

Sikhs share a strong sense of community, family, and selfless service. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Sikh communities across the country, including many of my constituents in Upper Darby, mobilized to deliver meals, groceries, masks, and other supplies to first responders a hundreds of thousands of families in need.

Tragically, Sikhs are frequent victims of hate crimes. In fact, Sikhs are among the most targeted for hate crimes, according to the 2022 FBI Hate crimes report. We must do everything in our power to prevent senseless violence and protect our Sikh brothers and sisters. To that end, I am hopeful that the recognition of Vaisakhi, April 14th as "National Sikh Day" will allow people to learn more about the vibrant Sikh religion and encourage more unity in our community.

I am proud to lead my colleagues in again introducing a resolution supporting the designation of April 14, Vaisakhi as "National Sikh Day" to recognize this exceptional community and the contributions to our country.

TRIBUTE TO DR. MARIO T. GARCÍA

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, Dr. Mario T. García has recently retired from University of California at Santa Barbara where he was a professor of Chicano and Chicana Studies for the last 47 years. He was among the first generation of scholars who conducted extensive research on the Chicano Movement and Mexican American civil rights struggles. He has helped pave the path for scholars entering the field.

Dr. García describes himself as a self-described liberationist historian aiming to inspire progressive social change. His work encompasses more than a dozen books and several edited collections all of which advance the inclusion of the poor and oppressed and spotlight the leaders of social justice movements. His publications include "Desert Immigrants: the Mexicans of El Paso, 1880-1920," "Mexican Americans: Leadership, Ideology, and

Identity, 1930-1960," "BLOWOUT: Sal Castro and the Chicano Struggle for Educational Justice (co-authored with Sal Castro)," and "Católicos: Resistance and Affirmation in Chicano Catholic History."

Dr. García has led a distinguished career having been a professor around the country at universities including Yale University, San Diego State University, San Jose State University, University of Texas at El Paso, and University of California at Santa Barbara. His books have demonstrated the numerous contributions that Chicanas and Chicanos have made to U.S. history, including military veterans, teachers, labor organizers, priests, and students who have organized and pushed for democracy and justice for all people.

I am honored to recognize Dr. García for his continued commitment to the expansion and research of the Chicano movement and history on the Central Coast and throughout the nation. I ask all Members to join me today in honoring the exceptional life and legacy of the scholar of the 24th Congressional District, Dr. Mario T. García, for his incredible service and contributions to his community.

HONORING HECTOR JAVIER ROCCO

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from the 24th District of the great state of Florida, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Hector Javier Rocco and commending him for his devotion to the Nation and its ideals.

Whereas, Hector Javier Rocco was born on December 3, 1959, where he was raised, the oldest of 4 children to Hector Rocco and Doris Avalos. He was the son of a school teacher and businesswoman; and husband to Ines Veronica Perea;

Whereas, trained as a systems analyst and having worked in the Chilean fishing and mining industries for many years as a human resource manager; in 2001, Mr. Rocco and his family moved to Hollywood, Florida in the pursuit of the American Dream. There, as is common for many new immigrants to America, he worked a variety of jobs in the construction and furniture industry. He quickly gained skills and found a passion as a handyman. Realizing a life dream of becoming a business owner, Mr. Rocco and his wife opened a cleaning, remodeling, and repair company. For over twenty years, Mr. Rocco worked in Broward and Miami-Dade counties where he renovated homes, businesses, and schools.

Whereas, Mr. Rocco was grateful for America and the opportunities it provided for him and his family, and was known for his talent and dedication to his craft. Mr. Rocco raised children who grew up to be entrepreneurs, public servants, and community leaders: reveled in the successes and accomplishments of his children, and never missed an opportunity to express his love for them.

Whereas, his humor, bright spirit, graciousness, kindness, and joie de vivre were an inspiration to those fortunate enough to know and work with him;

Whereas, a committed brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend, Mr. Rocco was

loved and respected both in the United States and around the world;

Whereas, Mr. Rocco leaves to carry on his legacy his four children: Hector Javier Rocco Jr., Karina Stefania Rocco, Giovanni Paolo Rocco, Antonella Francesca Rocco, and five grandchildren; Walter Aaron Pescador, Sofia Victoria Rocco, Isabella Agatha Agudelo, Amelie Eleanor Agudelo, and Madolyn Olivia Rocco McNellis.

Whereas, left to mourn him are a host of family members, dear cherished friends, and a beloved community who lost a strong, forward-thinking leader and generous and knowledgeable individual;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, FREDERICA S. WILSON, a member of the United States House of Representatives representing the 24th Congressional District of Florida, am honored to recognize the late Hector Javier Rocco for his exemplary career, contributions to his community, and devotion to his family and friends.

CELEBRATING FLICS MIDDLE SCHOOL ROBOTICS

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I want to celebrate the achievement of Detroit's Foreign Language Immersion and Cultural Studies School's (FLICS) Middle School Robotics Team's outstanding performance in competition this year. The team is Detroit Public Schools' first team in more than thirty years to travel to the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) International Championship.

Later this month, the FLICS Robotics Team will be taking on the best teams from all over the world in this high stakes, four-day competition. Team Techno Phoenix has worked hard and persevered in competition throughout the season, including an outstanding performance at the state championship. I am proud of this group of young people who have invested time and energy into this challenging pursuit.

Please join me in recognition of FLICS' Team Techno Phoenix as we cheer them on to victory at the FIRST International competition.

RECOGNIZING MR. GEORGE GIBBS

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. George Gibbs who passed away on March 4, 2023, at his home in Yucca Valley with his children and grandchildren surrounding him. He was 88 years old. The son of William and Mabel Gibbs, he was born Jan. 7, 1935, in Queens, New York. He lived in California for 55 years. Mr. Gibbs graduated from college at Emporia State in Kansas. He was in the Marine Corps for 22 years, serving two tours in Vietnam and retired as a major. A real estate broker for 45 years, Mr. Gibbs was the owner of Glen Realty and

a past president of the Board of Realtors in Yucca Valley. He enjoyed running, spending time with family and friends, football, and horse racing. He was admired by family and friends and was always willing to help anyone in need. Mr. Gibbs is survived by son George Russell Gibbs, daughter Gigi Gibbs, grandson Brandon Will, granddaughter Stephanie Will, granddaughter Julianna McClay, grandson Jack Melvin, and granddaughter Rachel Gibbs. Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the life of Mr. George Gibbs. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. KATHY CASTOR

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded for Roll Call No. 174, Roll Call No. 175, Roll Call No. 176, Roll Call No. 177, Roll Call No. 178, Roll Call No. 179, Roll Call No. 180, Roll Call No. 181, Roll Call No. 182, on Thursday, March 30, 2023.

I have been a proponent of protecting our climate since I have been in Congress. As the former chair of the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, I have championed investing in a clean energy economy of the future, protecting the climate, and the future of all American people.

I unequivocally oppose the corporate giveaway of H.R. 1 the Polluters over People Act. Last Congress, Democrats took decisive action to fight the climate crisis, protect the pocketbooks of the American people, and a healthy environment for all. H.R. 1 is an irresponsible giveaway to polluters at the expense of our neighbors back home and deserves a no vote.

However, due to a death in my family, I was unable to be present for votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 174; YEA on Roll Call No. 175; YEA on Roll Call No. 176; YEA on Roll Call No. 177; NAY on Roll Call No. 178; NAY on Roll Call No. 179; NAY on Roll Call No. 180; YEA on Roll Call No. 181; and NAY on Roll Call No. 182.

HONORING MARY ZAHASKY AND DOUG BOISVERT, OWNERS OF BON VIE BISTRO & A PIECE OF CAKE BAKERY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Zahasky and Doug Boisvert, owners of Bon Vie Bistro and A Piece of Cake bakery on the occasion of their retirement this Saturday, April 8, 2023 after over three decades of operation in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mary and Doug opened A Piece of Cake Bakery in 1985 and have been serving up hand-made creations from cupcakes to wedding cakes ever since. They expanded their business in 2003 when they opened Bon Vie Bistro, serving up eclectic breakfast and lunch

offerings and frequently going off the menu to make whatever their customers might be in the mood for. They later merged the bistro and bakery together under one roof in St. Paul's Cathedral cozy Cathedral Hill neighborhood and have become a beloved local institution.

They always use fresh ingredients and the most delicious recipes, but their customer-first focus and connection to their community is what really makes them stand out. I have had the pleasure of getting to know Mary and Doug over the years as a patron of their stores, and can attest to the wonderful impact that their small businesses have had on the community. Though the neighborhood will be sad to see them close their doors, I wish them all the best as they enjoy their retirement.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Mary Zahasky and Doug Boisvert and the wonderful legacy they will leave on our St. Paul community.

CELEBRATING THE EXTRAORDINARY CAREER OF FEDERAL JUDGE U.W. CLEMON

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary career of a legal trailblazer, Civil Rights activist, scholar, former State Senator, pioneering lawmaker, and my special mentor, the Honorable Judge U.W. Clemon, as he celebrates his 80th birthday on April 9, 2023.

A native of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, Judge Clemon was born to Addie and Moses Clemon in Fairfield in 1943. He began his education in the then-segregated Jefferson County School System, graduating valedictorian of Westfield High School in 1961, then attended Miles College.

At Miles College, Clemon excelled in academics and student activism, serving as SGA President and a leading voice for civil rights on campus. Clemon played a pivotal role in the "Selective Buying Campaign" to boycott segregated stores in downtown Birmingham. Because of that boycott, a young Clemon was confronted by "Bull" Connor, when he petitioned the Birmingham Commission to remove its segregation laws. Clemon marched in many student demonstrations under the direction of Dr. King, and blazed trails, successfully desegregating the Birmingham Public Library.

Upon graduating from Miles College as valedictorian of the Class of 1965, Clemon fulfilled his childhood goal of becoming an attorney, receiving his law degree in 1968 from the Columbia Law School in New York City. While a law student, Clemon clerked at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. This clerkship led to a life-long association with the organization as local counsel on numerous civil rights lawsuits brought in Alabama.

After law school, Judge Clemon brought his immense talents back home to Birmingham. He spent the next 12 years as a premier civil rights attorney, dedicated to addressing the racial barriers against Black people in Alabama. Clemon was an effective fearless lawyer taking on Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant to desegregate the "all-white" University of Alabama

football team, leading lawsuits against local school boards, large and small employers, and major corporations, including the United States Steel Corporation, which led to the desegregation of the American steel industry.

By 1974, Judge Clemon made history as one of the first two African Americans elected to the Alabama State Senate since Reconstruction. Serving the 15th District for five years, Senator Clemon took the same fearless advocacy to the Alabama State Legislature, chairing two powerful Senate committees—Rules and Judiciary—and was an unrelenting critic of Governor George Wallace's stance on the death penalty and exclusion of African Americans from state boards and agencies.

His successful legal career gained the attention of United States President Jimmy Carter, who appointed then-Senator Clemon to serve on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. Ascending to the bench, Judge Clemon made history as Alabama's first Black Federal Judge in 1980 and served as Chief Judge from 1999 through 2006.

During his almost three decades as a federal judge, Judge Clemon presided over numerous federal cases on a variety of issues. His decisions changed the face of our judiciary, and his legacy has had profound effects on Alabama systems and practices in housing, criminal justice, education, employment discrimination, and environmental injustices changing and influencing the landscape of Alabama for generations to come.

Judge Clemon was a highly respected jurist both inside and outside the courtroom, known as a tough but fair judge, demanding that lawyers before him represent their clients competently and effectively. As Chief Judge, the Court developed a better relationship with the community by adopting a more juror-friendly approach, insisting on a diverse jury pool, prioritizing minorities in the court's workforce. In 2009, Judge Clemon retired from the bench submitting his retirement letter to President Barack Obama. It was befitting that Judge Clemon was succeeded by his law clerk Abdul Kallon. Judge Clemon received numerous prestigious awards, holds three honorary degrees, two street names, and an elementary school in his name.

Judge Clemon continues to be a vibrant member of the Birmingham legal community. Now in private practice, he continues to take on cases of the underrepresented, vulnerable, and underserved. A man of faith, Judge Clemon served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for his home church Jones Chapel AME Church and is a current member of the Sixth Avenue Church, where he serves as a deacon. Judge Clemon is a loving and proud husband of Mrs. Barbara L. Clemon for over fifty-five years and the doting father to their daughter Michelle who is a lawyer in Birmingham, following in his footsteps as a graduate of Columbia Law School, and his son Isaac who is a musician in New York City.

On a personal note, Judge U.W. Clemon is a special mentor to me, a trusted advisor and loving father figure. My most formative legal experience was serving as a law clerk for Judge Clemon after graduating from law school in 1992. I learned more about the practice of law and saw first-hand what "justice" looks like by witnessing him in the courtroom. Sitting with him in his chamber was always an educational experience. The Judge tested my knowledge, stretched my legal acumen, challenged my moral values, and inspired me to

think and be a better lawyer and person. There is not a major life decision that I made that I didn't get his wise counsel and advise including running for Congress. I know that I now serve as Alabama's first Black Congresswoman because I was blessed by the transformative experience of serving as a law clerk to Alabama's first Black Federal Judge. To say "thank you" to him seems woefully inadequate.

As we celebrate his 80th birthday, I want to express my sincere gratitude to Judge Clemon for all the guidance he has given me in my life's journey, and I want to thank Mrs. Barbara and Michelle for sharing the Judge with me. His extraordinary legal career is a testament to the power of one person to change the world. Through his hard work, brilliant mind, fearless determination, and thoughtful legal decisions, he has changed lives. May the seeds he has sown into so many of us, continue to bear the fruit of change. Congratulations for a life well led. Happy 80th Birthday. Here's to many more years.

On behalf of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Happy Birthday and to celebrate the extraordinary career of an exceptional jurist, lawmaker, and public servant, Judge U.W. Clemon, for his decades of service to the State of Alabama and this Nation.

**RECOGNIZING THE SACRAMENTO
REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT'S
50TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, it is with delight that I rise to honor the 50th anniversary of Sacramento Regional Transit District, also known as SacRT. SacRT is a mass public transportation agency and is the largest regional transit provider in the Sacramento region and the capital of California.

In the past 50 years, SacRT has grown to operate 37 fixed routes, 23 commuter routes, 16 seasonal routes, nine SmARt Ride on-de-

mand micro-transit service zones, the SacRT GO ADA paratransit service, Airport Express bus service, and the Causeway Connection between Davis and Sacramento. SacRT operates 44 miles of light rail that covers a 440 square-mile service area throughout Sacramento County, which services the cities of Sacramento, Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom and Rancho Cordova. SacRT's more than 1,300 employees consistently perform to exceedingly high standards of safety, service, efficiency, and operational excellence.

SacRT is a recognized leader in reducing air pollution and the emissions that contribute to global climate change, operating 97 electric light rail vehicles, 186 buses powered by compressed natural gas (CNG), 12 zero emission electric buses, 26 shuttle buses powered by CNG, and nine zero emission electric shuttle buses. SacRT has embarked on a program to upgrade its light rail vehicles, convert to a modern zero-emission bus fleet, and expand service and ridership as part of a regional effort to comply with statewide climate mandates.

Most notably, SacRT has earned numerous prestigious awards, including the 2022 Federal Transportation Security Administration's Gold Standard Award for System Security, the 2021 American Public Transportation Association's Outstanding Public Transportation System of the Year, and the 2020 Caltrans Excellence in Transportation Award-winning project.

Mr. Speaker, today we celebrate the 50th anniversary of SacRT for always dedicated to providing reliable and inexpensive mobility options in my district and is an integral part of the Sacramento region's community fabric.

**RECOGNIZING DR. PAUL J.
LEBLANC FOR RECEIVING CITIZEN
OF THE YEAR FROM THE
GREATER MANCHESTER CHAMBER**

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 10, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Southern New Hampshire University

President and CEO Dr. Paul J. LeBlanc for being named the Greater Manchester Chamber's Citizen of the Year. As a valued resident of Manchester, Paul has embodied the spirit of service through his time as President and CEO of Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU). This past year, he remained committed to ensuring the success of students and guiding the campus community through the Chamber's core values of leadership and personal integrity. The level of trust placed in Paul by the greater Manchester community is a testament to his efficacy and compassion as a leader, and I thank the wonderful staff at Southern New Hampshire University for their continued support of Paul in the past few years.

Throughout his career, Paul has been instrumental in launching crucial programs in the Greater Manchester area, including at SNHU. His work in higher education, from initiating the College for America program to creating the Center for New Americans, has shown Paul's dedication to uplifting the voices of students, workers, and immigrants alike. Similarly, his efforts have assisted in creating a rich and diverse local economy right here in Manchester. This tireless commitment has grown the total enrollment of SNHU from 2,800 to over 175,000 students, shaping the university into one of the leading non-profit education providers in the country.

I commend Dr. Paul J. LeBlanc for his efforts to lead the people of the Greater Manchester area through community outreach and educational engagement. Paul's distinguished service leaves behind an impressive legacy that will inspire future generations to carry on this critical work, and I look forward to seeing what his next chapter has in store.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 11:30:00 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 11:30:33 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 2544–2574; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 54; and H. Res. 284–287, were introduced.

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 734, to amend the Education Amendments of 1972 to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of such Act in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–35).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Mooney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China: Representatives Wexton, Wild, and Salinas.

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House Democracy Partnership—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following members to the House Democracy Partnership: Representative Titus, Ranking Member; Representatives Moore (WI), Lieu, Torres (CA), Kelly (IL), Sewell, DeGette, Lee (CA), and Omar.

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United States Semiquincentennial Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Members to serve as Commissioners to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Representatives Watson Coleman and Evans.

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Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Member to the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation: Representative Larson (CT).

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United States Capitol Preservation Commission—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Jeffries, Minority Leader, in which he reappointed Representative Kaptur to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission.

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Presidential Veto Message—Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'": Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted his Memorandum of Disapproval of H.J. Res. 27, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of

Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Revised Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’”, and explained his reasons therefore—ordered printed (H. Doc. 118–26). **Pages H1715–16**

Without objection, the House postponed further consideration of the veto message and the joint resolution until the legislative day of April 18, 2023.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

8:45 a.m., Thursday, April 13

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Thursday, April 13

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will meet in pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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